

**TOWN OF GRANBY
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

PRESENT: Edward (Ned) Allen, Chairman; Squire Bressor, Jennifer Bilodeau, and Kathy Ungerleider and Tom Tyburski, Director of Granby Parks & Recreation Department.

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum at 7:41PM.

MINUTES

ON A MOTION by Squire Bressor, seconded by Kathy Ungerleider, the Board unanimously 4-0-0 approved the minutes of July 5, 2011.

PUBLIC SESSION

No one was present.

OLD BUSINESS

A. GAFLAC

No update.

B. Bathhouse

We should hear about the STEEP grant within a couple of weeks

C. 225

Most plans are set, the parade committee is finalizing details; the events committee has food and general vendors and a midway; fireworks – the committee decided to add \$500 for an even great(er) show. Next administrative meeting is Sept. 9.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Program Updates

The summer programs were good with good feedback from parents. Most sports camps were down in numbers, probably because of the economy. Swim lesson numbers were very low and very expensive to run; Mr. Tyburski would like to re-evaluate continuing them in the future.

One of Mr. Tyburski's goals was to set-up on-line registration. It is about 75% ready. The new site will be GranbyRec.com and will include P&R minutes. The department will also start accepting credit cards this week. There is a \$3,000 annual fee and 2-4% credit card fees and a 25¢ charge per transaction; these will be built into the program costs.

Super Soccer Saturday - a new program for 3-5 year olds. There is a local instructor and the group will meet once a week on Saturdays.

Soccer – practices start today, first games are on Saturday. There are 7 Div. I teams, 2 Div. II and 1 Boys Div. III, 4 teams each of Fundamental 5- and 6-year olds, a total of 280 kids.

Getting ready for skiing and basketball.

B. Park Updates

A tropical storm damage - Pavilion #4 took the most damage with washout underneath; this has been repaired; pavilion #5 is okay except for the tables. The small, newer parking lot was heavily damaged and should be repaired this week. There was extensive damage to the softball field and it will be unplayable this fall but hopefully ready for the 225 on 10/1. The playscape had damage and should be repaired this week. The Dog Park lost a lot of the new bark mulch recently put in. Public Works anticipates draining the pond and re-doing the beach because of the silt.

Mr. Tyburski met with the new football presidents and they have made a few proposals for additions to Ahrens Park

1. Install a 10x24 fixed scoreboard at the rear NW corner; it should not be visible from the road but will be from the bleachers. They suggest initially using a generator although there is power at the public works shed.
2. They propose completing the unfinished portion of the pavilion designated for a snack shack area and use it for fund raising. It would be similar to the snack shack at SBP; all grilling would be done outside.
3. Install a coaches' reviewing stand – 5-10 yards off the field and about 10 feet high.
4. Install a 4x8 sponsor board on the corner nearest the parking lot; it would not be visible from the road.
5. Make use of a PA system on game days. Sound would be faced away from neighbors and a temporary system.

ON A MOTION by Squire Bressor, seconded by Kathy Ungerleider, the Board voted 4-0-0 to the following:

Granby Football should make a formal presentation of these proposals to the Board of Selectmen and should include design specifics with the following recommendations:

1. Scoreboard - Scoreboard should include detailed plans of size, etc. and should include the installation of electricity.
2. Snack Shack - List of details for completing the Snack Shack portion of the pavilion to meet codes, etc. Granby Football will work with Public Works to complete the project and they will assume all costs associated with its completion. Upon completion this will be available to other organizations; the Town will retain ownership of all equipment, etc.
3. Coaches' Reviewing Stand - The P&R Board would like to have more information including detailed drawings on design, safety and security issues to review before approving.
4. PA system - The P&R Board approves the PA system with the following conditions: it is used only for public service announcements and announce players; however, there should be no music except perhaps the Star Spangled Banner played in low tones.
5. Sponsor Board – see #3 above for the Coaches' Reviewing Stand.

C. **Coalition Update** – No report.

OTHER BUSINESS as NECESSARY

A. Tree Lighting

This is a project in conjunction with the Chamber; Ned will speak with Jen Burkhart later this week concerning the project.

B. Strider Bikes

These are toddler bikes without pedals; kids get the feel of riding using their feet on the ground to make the bike go, speeding up as they get more adept at balance, etc. Debbie Reelitz proposed the Rec Dept. offer these bikes and rent them out to parents. The Board felt there was liability and storage issues with this proposal and it would be a better idea for Granby Bike but the Rec Department could promote.

C. Blue Grass Fest

A local group has approached Mr. Tyburski about using Salmon Brook Park for this event. More information is needed but the Board thinks this project needs the BOS endorsement.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION by Kathy Ungerleider, **SECONDED** by Squire Bressor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay A. Woodford, Recording Secretary

